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Sky Whale of an airship tale

► Cost to build: Over \$1M per ton of lift ► MB Hydro providing the helium, hopes to transport supplies using ship



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The future is all about advancement, taking the old and making it better.

For Dr. Barry Prentice, professor of supply-chain management at the I.H. Asper School of Business, the future is airships.

"I've been researching and advocating for airships for over 20 years. I have never given up trying to keep attention to this topic because I have never given up on the future of the North. ... It was very clear that (airships) could do the job," said Prentice, a former director of 10 years at the Transport Institute.

Prentice unveiled his creation on Monday in the atrium of the Engineering & Information Technology Complex at the University of Manitoba.

Prentice's company, Buoyant Aircraft Systems International (BASI), teamed up with ISO Polar, a non-profit airship research institute, to create an environmentally sustainable and accessible way of bringing supplies to northern latitudes.

**"It's what I term
'The Golden Skyway.'
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the need (for the
construction) of
winter roads
obsolete and it
can run 365 days
of the year."**

BLAIR SHERWOOD, ISO POLAR
LOGISTICS AND MARKETING MANAGER

Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Eric Robinson stated Manitoba is the third largest aerospace centre in Canada and the province will play a co-operative role with BASI and ISO Polar in developing this technology.

The airship, which will be housed at the BASI hanger at St. Andrews airfield, will perform test flights and be used to develop research for the next couple of years.

Prentice said he hopes to have a fully-functioning freight carrier soon and hopes investors will respond to the potential of this advanced technology.

► Dr. Barry Prentice stands in front of the 80-foot MB80, or Giizhigo-Mesameg (Sky Whale) in Oji-Cree, the first airship in Manitoba and Western Canada. The single-piloted ship can reach an altitude of 10,000 feet and a speed of 45 mph in light winds.



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Police detonate package found after car accident

Winnipeg police detonated a package found in a car after an accident Monday morning. Portage Avenue was closed for several hours as officers extracted the package, which resembled a pipe bomb and blew it up on the street. The male drivers of both cars were taken to hospital in stable condition.

Shopping small has its charms

► Boutiques stand ground against the retail giants this holiday season



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As consumers spend more conservatively this holiday season, boutique stores are finding they are not hit as hard by the recession.

"We were over (in sales) from last year," said Judy Coy, owner of Silver Lotus

on Osborne Street and Rooster on River Avenue.

Coy said her 25-year longevity in the Village, and the longevity of Osborne merchants, is due to people trusting area retailers and knowing they are getting a decent price for the goods they buy.

"(The Village) always has something for everybody," said shopper Kitty

Bernes.

"It's nice to be outside as opposed to being stuck inside a mall. There are too many people. It's energy draining," said Robert Pasternak, a customer of DESART.

"You come here if you want something unique," said Donna Lagopoulos, owner of DESART.

Lagopoulos said the

character and charm of Osborne Village and its feeling of community is what makes having a shop there special, sentiments mirrored by Luxe and Charm owner Thai Tran, who opened her store six months ago.

Tran said she opened her store in Winnipeg after being unable to find trendy clothing.

"I wanted to bring new trends to Winnipeg," she said and she saw the Village as the place to bring east coast style to the prairies. "This is a great location. ... We're happy with the turnout since we opened in May."



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RCMP asks public to help ID man

East St. Paul RCMP are asking the public to help them identify a man found in the Red River in July.

The man was found in the river at about 10 a.m. on July 18, and all efforts to identify him have been unsuccessful, said RCMP.

The man was between 25 to 45 years of age. He is believed to be a smoker and he had some facial hair that

appears to have been dyed to a lighter colour.

The deceased is missing a bottom tooth in the left front area. He was wearing a pair cut-off grey sweats at the time of recovery.

RCMP have released sketches of the man done by an RCMP forensic artist. Anyone with information is asked to call RCMP at 204-667-6519 or Crime Stoppers



► Sketch of the man

at 1-800-222-8477.

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Government to change employment law

Beginning Jan. 1, several new changes come into effect that could impact local workers.

The changes include being able to have more flexibility in your shift (for example, working four 10-hour days instead of five eight-hour days).

There will also be up-

dates to the Manitoba Employment Standards Code that will bring the language into line with that of other provinces' regulations, said Labour Minister Jennifer Howard.

For more information, go to gov.mb.ca/labour/standards.

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More and more of China's Communist Party members are flouting compulsory atheism, much to the consternation of top officials. Scan the code for the story.

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These days, the best indicator of how the North American markets will perform is not North American data, says Allan Small, but European data. More at metronews.ca/investing

News in brief

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► Bob Barker

Bob Barker foots elephant bill

PRICE IS RIGHT. Former game show host Bob Barker will apparently cover the full cost of transporting three elephants from the Toronto Zoo to California.

In a statement, the PAWS organization says Barker will pay an unspecified amount to move Toka, Thika and Iringa to their new home.

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Parents charged in sibling shooting

DELORAIN, MAN. The parents of a five-year-old boy who shot his younger sister on a farm in Manitoba are facing several charges, including criminal negligence and drug possession.

On Nov. 26, police went to a home and found a four-year-old girl had been shot just below the kidney — she has had surgery and is now recovering from her injuries.

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Lack of snow has cows thirsty

REGINA. The SPCA in Saskatchewan is concerned about how a lack of snow is causing a shortage of drinking water for cows this winter as it's not uncommon for cows to go to pasture in winter to eat snow.

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Curbing health spending

► Federal Tories' new plan to cut back health-transfer payments leaves some provincial ministers visibly angry

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► Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, centre, speaks to Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney prior to a provincial, territorial and federal finance ministers meeting in Victoria on Monday.

There was little Christmas goodwill spirit Monday as a meeting between provincial and territorial finance ministers and their federal counterpart ended in angry words.

Provincial finance ministers said they were astonished after federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty "imposed" a new plan for how health money will be transferred to the provinces.

Flaherty said health transfers will continue to flow at the same six-per-cent increase rate they have been, but by 2018, the increase will drop to be tied to the rate of nominal GDP, which is the measure of economic growth including inflation.

"It's not present at all," said Ontario Finance Minister

Dwight Duncan.

"It's a lump of coal."

Duncan said his colleagues were all shocked at Ottawa's unilateral deci-

sion.

"He put the document in front of us and said this is how it's going to be," Flaherty acknowledged

Transfer details

► Flaherty announced Monday new health spending investments of \$178 billion over five years.

► He said even when transfers drop to be tied to the nominal GDP rate, Ottawa is guaranteeing provinces the funding will never dip below a three-per-cent increase.

there has "obviously" been some concern among provinces.

He said his provincial and territorial counterparts were briefed about Ottawa's plans at a dinner last night.

"We do need to talk about the way forward in terms of being fiscally responsible, not only at the federal level but across the country, all the governments," said Flaherty.

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Slain baseball players remembered at alma mater

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Students, staff and ordinary Islanders played catch outside a Charlottetown high school today in memory of two former students who were killed in a roadside shooting in Alberta last week.

Dozens of people donned ball gloves and tossed baseballs on a field outside Colonel Gray High School, the alma mater of Tanner Craswell, 22, and his friend Mitch MacLean, 20.

The two promising baseball players were killed Thursday along with Tabitha Stepple of Lethbridge, Alta.

Police said Stepple's former boyfriend, Derek Jensen, rammed the car they were in on a highway south of Calgary. He opened fire, killing the trio and wounding a fourth person in the car, 21-year-old Shayna Conway, also of Charlottetown. Jensen then killed himself.

Colonel Gray principal Kevin Whitrow said school staff and teachers who taught the two and knew them well have been



► Keith Craswell, father of Tanner Craswell, is embraced by a friend outside Colonel Gray High School in Charlottetown on Monday.

deeply affected.

He said people were invited to play catch and do "whatever they feel like doing" during the unusual memorial to the former students.

MacLean and Craswell were promising baseball stars with the Lethbridge Bulls of the Western Major Baseball League. MacLean was named rookie of the year and Craswell was an all-star shortstop.

Investigators have determined Jensen was searching for Stepple early Thursday along Highway 2, south of Calgary, when

he spotted her car stopped at a 7-Eleven store in Claresholm. Stepple and three friends in the car were making a quick pit-stop on their way from Lethbridge to the Calgary airport.

When they got back on the road, Jensen continued to follow the car for another 1.5 kilometres, then quickly rammed it from behind and opened fire on everyone inside. He next turned the 9-mm handgun on himself.

Funerals for Craswell and MacLean are planned for Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Russia bans import of seal products: Activists

Animal-welfare activists say Russia has banned importing harp-seal products, which they say threatens the survival of the embattled Canadian sealing industry.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare says it has obtained documents from Russia and the World Trade Organization showing the ban went into effect in August. The group says Russia represents one of the largest buyers of Canadian seal products. The EU introduced its own trade ban in 2009.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Russian embassy did not return messages seeking comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

38K When the Annual East Coast hunt concluded last spring, federal officials said the season was one of the worst on record with only 38,000 seals slaughtered. That's less than 10 per cent of the allowable catch.

Royals. Red carpet



► Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince Harry attend the Sun Military Awards at Imperial War Museum in London on Monday.

ARTHUR EDWARDS/WPA POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Royals strut their stuff

The awards, run by The Sun newspaper, celebrate the bravery of members of the British armed forces and award those deemed to have served their country with the highest distinction in the past year.

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North Koreans mourn 'Dear Leader'

► Kim Jong Il died of a heart attack on Saturday ► World waits to see how his power will be transferred

North Koreans marched by the thousands Monday to their capital's landmarks to mourn Kim Jong Il, many crying uncontrollably and flailing their arms in grief over news of their "Dear Leader's" death.

North Korean state media proclaimed his 20-something son Kim Jong Un a "great successor," while a vigilant world watched for any signs of a turbulent transition to the untested leader in an unpredictable nation known to be pursuing nuclear weapons.

South Korea's military went on high alert in the face of the North's 1.2-million-strong armed forces following news of Kim's death after 17 years in power. U.S. President Barack Obama agreed by phone with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to closely monitor developments.

On the streets of the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, people wailed in

"How could the heavens be so cruel? Please come back, general. We cannot believe you're gone."

HONG SON OK,
GRIEVING KOREAN WOMAN

grief, some kneeling on the ground or bowing repeatedly. Children and adults laid flowers at key memorials.

The death could set back efforts by the United States and others to get Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear-weapons ambitions, because his son — as an untested successor — may seek to avoid any perceived weakness as he moves to consolidate control.

The death comes at a sensitive time for North Korea as it prepares for next year's 100th anniversary of the birth of Kim Il Sung, the country's founder.

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► North Korean women cry after learning of the death of their leader Kim Jong Il on Monday, in Pyongyang, North Korea.

PM calls for end to Korea's 'sad chapter'

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is urging North Korea to work toward promoting both the well-being of its people and stability on the Korean peninsula.

Harper, commenting on the death of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il over the weekend, says he hopes Kim's



passing will bring positive change to the isolated country.

He says Kim will be remembered as the leader of a totalitarian regime who violated the basic rights of

the North Korean people for nearly two decades.

He's urging North Korea to close what he calls a "sad chapter in its history" and to work for peace.

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North Korea is no monarchy, of course, but one thing is certain: following the death of Kim Jong Il, his son Kim Jong Un, reportedly 27 or 28 years old, will become the country's leader.

- Kim Jong Il's death didn't come as a surprise for North Korea, and there have been succession plans in place since 2005.
- Kim Jong Un will take over, but he probably won't be the only leader. He may become more of a figurehead, with the National Defense Commission assuming more power than it had under his dad.
- While Kim Jong Un trains for his new job, his uncle Jang Song Thaek is predicted to act as the power behind the regime's face.
- Kim Jong Un may try to show his tough-guy credentials through international aggression.
- North Koreans have reason to rise up against the regime — but it's unlikely they will.

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North Korea: what's next?

War, military coup and popular uprising: Potential scenarios



Egypt's ruling military lashes out at protesters

► Ruling council defends use of force ► Leading political groups steer clear of latest unrest

Egypt's ruling military questioned the morals of a female detainee, accused a prominent publisher of incitement and bashed the media for allegedly working to destabilize the country in a new effort Monday to crush the pro-democracy movement trying to oust the generals.

The criticism, delivered by a member of the ruling military council in a nationally televised news conference, came hours after troops in riot gear swept through Cairo's Tahrir Square, opening fire on protesters and lobbing tear gas into the

crowds. At least three people were killed, pushing the death toll for four days of clashes to 14.

Violence has been raging in Cairo since Friday, when military forces guarding the Cabinet building near Tahrir Square heavily cracked down on a three-week-old sit-in to demand the ruling generals immediately hand power to a civilian authority. Tahrir was the centre of the uprising and remains the base of the democracy movement's ongoing protests.

The raid early Monday appeared to be an attempt by the military to keep



► An Egyptian man chants slogans during a protest in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Monday.

protesters away from key government buildings near the square, including parliament, the Cabinet headquarters and the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of the hated police. The protesters have de-

cried the military's heavy-handed crackdown, with activists flooding social networking sites and other media with photos and video of troops beating and attacking protesters.

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U.S. officials caution online sperm donor

U.S. officials have warned a California man who has been donating cups of his sperm to women who want children.

Trent Arsenault tells the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper he's been donating sperm for five years to women he meets online.

He says he got three women pregnant last month, a record for the 36-year-old father of 14 — and counting.

Arsenault says he considered donating through sperm banks, which offer money and donor anonymity. But he decided to give it away in sterile cups so he could meet the future parents.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has told Arsenault he's facing a \$100,000 fine or up to a year in prison for ignoring regulations requiring blood tests to screen for communicable diseases.

Arsenault, an engineer



► Trent Arsenault on Facebook

with Hewlett-Packard, started donating sperm in December 2006.

Before donating the sperm, Arsenault and the parents sign contracts that absolve him of any fathering rights or responsibilities.

In all, Arsenault has given 348 sperm donations to 46 women. But it's not the number of donations that the FDA has a problem with. In a letter to Arsenault in November 2010, the agency took issue with the safety of his sperm.

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Phone hacking routine: Whistleblower's brother

► Practice was referred to by journalists as 'the dark side' ► Scandal has implicated more British papers

Illegal voicemail interception and cellphone tracking was a matter of routine at both The Sun and the News of the World tabloids, the brother of a whistleblower at the centre of Britain's phone hacking scandal said Monday.

Stuart Hoare — brother of the late journalist Sean Hoare — told an inquiry into British media ethics that both papers, published by Rupert Murdoch's News International Ltd., broke the law as part of their "daily routine."

"The reality was that phone hacking was endemic within the News International group," Hoare said in a witness statement published on the inquiry's website. "I know this to be the case because Sean and I regularly discussed this and



► Anti-Murdoch protesters rally in London.

there are emails in existence which support Sean's description of a practice referred to during such meetings as 'the dark side.'"

Sean Hoare was the first former News of the World

journalist to publicly accuse his former editor Andy Coulson of being at the hub of a culture of wrongdoing at the paper, an allegation that helped ignite the scandal that forced Murdoch to close the British tabloid.

Coulson is one of a dozen former News of the World journalists arrested in the scandal, which has spread to Britain's Sun newspaper.

Sean Hoare, who suffered from a drinking problem, died in July just as the scandal was exploding. Stuart Hoare told the inquiry Monday he was testifying because he and Sean "shared a lot of secrets and I felt very, very strongly that someone had to represent my brother."

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Tweet. Investment



► Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and his wife, Princess Amira, arrive at The Savoy hotel in London last year.

OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

Saudi prince buys stake in Twitter

Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal and his investment firm, Kingdom Holding Co., are pouring \$300 million into Twitter. Alwaleed, a nephew of the Saudi king, has a history of investing in media and technology companies.

No threat of Christmas strike: Pilots

The Air Canada Pilots Association says travellers do not have to worry about a strike over the busy

Christmas season. The union group issued a statement to that effect. Pilots aren't in a legal strike po-

sition until mid-February, when they face a potential deadline.

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SENATE VS. HOUSE

Republicans nix payroll tax cut

The U.S. House of Representatives intends to vote down a two-month extension of a payroll tax cut for millions of Americans that cleared the Senate late last week, Speaker John Boehner said Monday. The House will then request immediate negotiations on a full-year renewal that can provide "certainty for people who are trying to create jobs," he said.

Without action by Congress, both the payroll tax cut and a program for long-term unemployment benefits will expire on Jan. 1.

The latest game of legislative brinkmanship seems certain to reinforce feelings among voters that their lawmakers are inept. Economists also have warned that a tax increase could set back an already fragile economic recovery.

Boehner spoke after a chaotic weekend in which Senate leaders first failed to agree on a full-year bill, then coalesced around the two-month-extension that passed overwhelmingly, only to spark a revolt among Republican conservatives in the House.

There was no immediate reaction from either the White House or leaders in the Senate, which adjourned for the year shortly after approving its version of the bill.

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Swedish carmaker files for bankruptcy

BJORN LARSSON ROSVALL/SCANPIX SWEDEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saab Automobile filed for bankruptcy on Monday, giving up a desperate struggle to stay in business after previous owner General Motors Co. blocked takeover attempts by Chinese investors.

Saab CEO Victor Muller personally handed in the bankruptcy application to a court in southwestern Sweden, ending his two-year effort to revive the carmaker.

The Dutch entrepreneur told reporters he had to pull the plug after GM, which still owns some technology licences for Saab, rejected a last-ditch financing plan with a Chinese company.

"That basically was the last nail in the coffin of this beautiful company," Muller said in a webcast news conference at the Saab plant in Trollhattan.

While experts say the company is likely to be chopped up and sold in parts, officials in the town of Trollhattan, where Saab employs more than 3,000 people, were holding out hope that a new buyer would emerge to salvage the brand. Originally an aircraft



► Victor Muller, president and chairman of Saab Automobile, speaks to media during a news conference on Monday in Trollhattan, Sweden. Saab has filed for bankruptcy, bringing to an end two years of efforts to rescue the brand that has been the hallmark of Swedish cars for more than six decades.

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"This is the most unwelcome Christmas gift I could have imagined."

FREDRIK ALMQVIST, SAAB ASSEMBLY-LINE WORKER FOR NEARLY 17 YEARS

maker, Saab entered into the auto market after the Second World War with the first production of the two-stroke-engine Saab 92.

GM bought a 50 per cent stake and management control of Saab in 1989, and gained full ownership in 2000.

Saab Automobile's sales peaked at 133,000 cars in 2006. After that, sales dwindled to 93,000 cars in 2008 and just 27,000 in 2009, as GM — itself in bankruptcy protection — prepared to wind down the Swedish brand.

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YOUR PAST REARS ITS UGLY HEAD ON FACEBOOK

SHE SAYS...

JESSICA NAPIER
METRO



Everybody hates change, especially us over-entitled Facebook users. Whenever the developers at the omnipresent social networking site make even the slightest tweaks, a

large percentage of the 800 million active users become a seriously whiny bunch. And while modifications to privacy settings are a completely legitimate concern, you have to wonder if the digital uproar over every little page layout alteration is really all that necessary.

So when Mark (King of the Internet) Zuckerberg announced that Facebook would be overhauling the entire site and introducing its new Timeline feature, all kinds of Internet hell broke loose. The angry masses took to their keyboards to protest about the changes in fuming status updates, ironically using the very medium they're criticizing to complain about it. How very meta right? Somewhere, Marshall McLuhan is smiling.

Once upon a time, Facebook sold itself on connecting people, but the new feature (which finally launched worldwide last week) reveals what the site has really been about all along: vanity.

"And remember all of those lost photos from your fat years that were once buried in ancient albums? Well now they're just a click away!"

More visual and customizable, Timeline lets you play curator in a museum of your own digital history. The scrapbook-like interface means users can upload not one but TWO profile photos, enabling a more two-dimensional form of narcissism. So now you can post that here-I-am-drunk-at-a-bar-throwing-up-offensive-hand-gestures snapshot juxtaposed against a wide-angle photograph

from your trip to Southeast Asia last year. All of which to prove to your friends that you might actually have some substance.

More importantly, Timeline's neatly organized yearly catalogue makes taking a walk down memory lane that much easier. Us early adopters (I've been sharing my own mundane personal details since November 2005), we can't resist the temptation to jump back and forth throughout the years, reliving our not-so-distant past through old conversations and tagged photos.

Remember when you signed all your wall posts with your name at the bottom because it was maybe kind of like an email? How silly. And remember all those lost photos from your fat years that were once buried in ancient albums? Well now they're just a click away!

Yes there's plenty to discover on Facebook in the age of Timeline. But before you publish your digital autobiography, you might want to take a moment to edit those posts from the years before you accepted your mom's friend request. After all, Facebook is the one place where life's most cringe-worthy moments can be deleted for good.

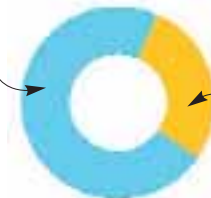
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Local tweets



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That's gonna be weird to get used to. #growingcity

► **@AnarchicWound:** anyone know where one might find a christmas pudding in #winnipeg?

► **@incognito:** Some poor kid had his toy detonated because it resembled a pipe bomb? Who's making these toys? #Winnipeg

► **@Steph_CF:** helped out at the xmas cheer board! You should to, as any help matters! #winnipeg

► **@kimmyberla:** Still cannot

believe how beautiful it is outside in #Winnipeg. We are nearing the end of the year with amazing weather. #HappyHolidays

► **@_SerenaAnn:** How do you tell your child they were conceived on a barstool in South Alabama? #ItsNoteasy

► **@homosoup:** F--k this eating healthy s--t! I'm taking a page from Benny's book of rules and will no longer eat anything that isn't shaped like an animal.

► **@homosoup:** That includes sandwiches. My next sandwich better look like an alligator, dammit!

PHOTO CHALLENGE WINNERS

► The winners of the 2011 Metro Global Photo Challenge have been chosen ► One of this year's winners lives in Montreal

Metro is proud to present the winners of the 2011 Metro Global Photo Challenge. After 162,000 submissions from thousands of photo enthusiasts, Metro readers and a star-studded jury have selected their top four.

The winning entrants each earn a trip worth roughly \$1,300 to any of 100 cities where Metro is published. **• METRO WORLD NEWS**

MOMENTS OF MY LIFE WINNER: THE MAGIC LANE



Metro spoke with music-management student Pierre-Philippe Kikhouna, 26, who is from Paris but lives in Montreal.

Tell us about your winning



photo.

It was a sunny day in Parisian district Etienne Marcel. Moments before I took this shot, I was thinking to myself how lucky it is for a photo lover to roam the streets of Paris. All of a sudden, I heard children playing, went around the corner, saw the children having fun, got on my knees and quickly shot the photo.

The prize is a trip to any Metro city in the world. Where do you plan to go?

"This image takes us all back to that childlike freedom when none of us had a care or worry in the world. A delightful reminder of the joys of youth. You can almost hear their cheers!"

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I will probably choose a city in Latin America: Brazil, Mexico or Chile.

What's your secret tip in cap-

turing the perfect picture? For me, there is no such thing as a perfect picture — only a perfect moment and a perfect time. The only tip I can give is don't see but watch.



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Scene in brief



Paul McCartney is releasing an album of standards — plus two new songs of his own. The former Beatle announced Monday that his new disc will be out on Feb. 7. It doesn't have a title yet but he's already streaming one song, My Valentine, on his website.

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Jamie Bell says actors' performances lend heart and soul to tech-heavy Tintin

Best and worst of 2011

► Before we get carried away with promising new movies of 2012, let's take a moment to remember 2011 in film ► Here's Metro's picks of the best and worst the year had to offer



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The Best

1. Hugo

Whether in 3D or not, Martin Scorsese's tribute to childhood and the early days of cinema dazzles and enchants — thanks in no small part to newcomer Asa Butterfield as the titular orphan keeping the clocks in a Paris train station running.

2. Shame

All nudity jokes aside, Michael Fassbender turns in one of the most powerful performances of the year as man feeding his sex addiction while trying to keep the rest of life at arm's length. A bummer of a film, to be sure, but it's a more honest and unflinching look at life than has been seen in a long time.

3. Beginners

A sweet and crafty film, Mike Mills' semi-autobiographical tale about a man (Ewan McGregor) dealing



► Is Shame one of the best movies of 2011? The story of a sex addict succeeds in its honesty.

with his 75-year-old father (Christopher Plummer) coming out of the closet is quite simply a thing of beauty.

4. Like Crazy

Fair warning: This film is trying to break your heart — and it succeeds, thanks to frank and risky improvised performances by Felicity Jones and Anton Yelchin as young lovers who make stupid decisions for the sake of love.

5. Weekend

A startling debut from British filmmaker Andrew Haigh that chronicles the meeting and subsequent three-day romance of two men in elegant, true-to-life frankness.

simultaneously too subtle and clumsily loud biopic fails more spectacularly than the rest. Given the Oscar-winning talent involved, the artless melodrama of J. Edgar is particularly startling.

The Worst

1. J. Edgar

There were arguably worse films this year — just check further down this list — but Clint Eastwood's

2. Waiting for Forever

It's not nice to pick on smaller films, but this indie gem was so egregious it demands mention. Its greatest offence? Playing stalking and mental illness

off as cute rom-com behaviour.

3. New Year's Eve

A romantic comedy Death Star that can't hide its cynicism, the movie did manage to sneak in Sarah Jessica Parker being introduced by the sound of horse hooves, so it's not a total loss.

4. Larry Crowne

A completely tone-deaf and sexless romantic comedy, featuring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts doing their best approximation of "everyday people" — and showing just how out of touch they are.

5. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1

Criticizing the Twilight franchise is a futile enterprise, of course, but this latest entry — half a book stretched out far longer than the story can support — brings something new to the series' list of offences: It's unbearably boring.

Also, no title should need that much punctuation.

Movie reviews

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

Genre: Drama

Director: David Fincher

Stars: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Stellan Skarsgård

★★★★½

Sweden and director David

Fincher were apparently made for each other. In the English-language version of the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, Fincher certainly makes the most of his stark locations, with the wintry scenes almost in black and

white. The man just knows how to move a camera.

The real reason to see the film, though, is Rooney Mara as rough-edged computer hacker and ward of the state Lisbeth Salander. She stalks the frame, hit-

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Don't fear the feast

► The holidays can do some serious damage to your waistline ► But with some careful plans you can still enjoy the fun without suffering the New Year's hangover ► Read up and dig in

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There are so many temptations at this time of year.

Whether it's the treats that constantly seem to be on offer at work, the huge family dinners, or junk food to accompany a movie, the holidays are famous for luring us into eating and drinking too much.

Eggnog, shortbread, gravy, and plenty of booze — beware.

The good news, according to Kim Arrey, a dietitian and nutrition coach in Montreal, is that, with a little advance planning and careful choosing, you can indulge without too much guilt.

She estimates that the average weight gain during the holidays is three to five pounds.

"When faced with so many opportunities to consume foods that contain more fat, more salt or more sugar, and may be less nutrient dense than usual, many people are overwhelmed. Since many of these goodies are only offered up once a year, the option is clear — eat the goodies."

Arrey recommends you accept that there will be temptations, and choose between them. For example, skip the eggnog but have one dessert, if dessert is your thing.

Holiday tips

Here are Arrey's tips for navigating the holiday season:

- **Slow down** Enjoy all aspects of your meal — savour the taste and texture of your food and the conversation going on around you.
- **Stay the course** Eat your favourite foods, and drop the ones you eat just because they are there. "Plum pudding only comes around once a year, so if you enjoy it, leave room for it by not eating the mashed potatoes. Why waste calories on foods you do not like?" says Arrey.
- **Snack** Eat a snack between meals. This helps you eat smaller amounts at meals. Try a source of protein, such as nuts or cheese, along with fruit or vegetables and dip.
- **Rule** When putting food on your plate, remember the one-quarter, one-half, one-quarter diagram: Try to fill half of your plate with vegetables and only one-quarter of the plate with grains or potatoes and one-quarter of the plate with meat and alternatives. "Unless they are drowning in butter or sauce, vegetables are a great way to include great taste, nutrients and not too many calories."



► You can still enjoy the seasonal foods and not hurt your waistline.

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life

Skin-care picks

These body balms are perfect for rejuvenating parched, sullen skin during the colder months.

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MP tables proposal to post warnings, ban use of tanning beds by under-18s

Best Health Minute



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Spice of the season

The aromas and flavours of spices signal the holiday season — and they're good for you. Our senior editor Margaret Nearing rounded up some of the latest studies for the December issue of Best Health.

Nutmeg

It's long been known as an aphrodisiac, though the evidence has largely been anecdotal.

Now scientists at the University of Guelph have reviewed the research showing nutmeg increased sexual activity in animals.

Why not sprinkle a little extra on your eggnog?

Cardamom

It's a source of manganese, and a U.S. study

found that women who ate high amounts of manganese each day had fewer PMS symptoms than those who ate the least. Add a generous sprinkle to your morning coffee or tea.

Cloves

These are one of the best sources of antioxidants, the compounds that help fight off disease-causing free radicals in our bodies.

Next time you make

rice, add a few cloves to the cooking pot.

Cinnamon

A study shows that a whiff of cinnamon, or chewing cinnamon gum, stimulated the cognitive process and improved scores in working memory and visual-motor response speed.

Sprinkle cinnamon on your morning cereal.

Ginger

It has long been used to

soothe upset stomachs.

Now, Toronto researchers recommend ginger as a "safe, effective and inexpensive solution" for nausea and vomiting due to pregnancy. (But check with your doctor first.)

Ginger makes a great addition to any rub for roasted meats.

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Sushi novices & experts will bow to Edohei's Japanese eats

► This restaurant offers a simple and classic menu focusing on favourites

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A question I often get from people visiting the city is, "Can I get good sushi in a place that's land-locked?"

Yes, you can and you have several great options in Winnipeg.

One such restaurant is Edohei, with its simple and classic Japanese menu. If you're looking for that funky roll with cream cheese, bacon bits (yes, I've seen it) and eight



► Edohei Roll and Ikura

Edohei

355 Ellice Ave.
943-0427
edohei.mb.ca

Reservations: Yes

Licensed: Yes

Quick solo lunch: Yes

Social lunch: Yes

Client negotiations: Yes

Co-worker lunch: Yes

Price range: \$1.50 - \$22

Rating: 4 out of 5

other ingredients, this isn't the place. What you'll find are the usual dishes like edamame, gyoza, tempura and udon.

You'll also find a nice Gindara Miso Kasuzuke (\$9) a starter of sweet

miso marinated sable fish. The Edohei Roll (\$10) combines assorted seafood, avocado, tobiko, cucumber and mayo in a simple roll.

If you're new to sushi and Japanese food, don't

be intimidated. There are plenty of non-seafood options also available.

But if you're a real sushi lover, make Edohei a priority for fresh seafood and true Japanese cuisine.

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Cinnamon Bun Bread Pudding



Preparation:

- 1 Coat a 3 L (9-by-13-inch) baking dish with cooking spray.
- 2 In a blender, combine eggs, cream, 5 ml (1 tsp) of the ground cinnamon and salt; puree until smooth. Set aside.
- 3 Cut each cinnamon bun into 2.5- to 5-cm (1-to 2-inch) chunks. Arrange chunks in even layer in prepared baking dish. Pour egg mix over pieces of cin-

namon buns. As you pour, use fork to press on bun pieces to help them absorb liquid.

- 4 Bake in 180 C (350 F) oven 25 to 30 mins. or until lightly puffed and starting to brown. Let cool 15 to 20 mins. Meanwhile, in a bowl, whisk together icing sugar, water, vanilla and remaining cinnamon. Drizzle bread pudding with glaze, then cut it into 12 squares. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

Ingredients:

- 6 eggs
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) 5 % light cream or milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cinnamon
- Pinch salt

- 12 large glazed cinnamon buns
- 250 ml (1 cup) icing sugar
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) water
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla extract

Stovetop ham frees up oven

► Simmer the meat in a broth that allows the flavours to seep deeper

When there are so many things that need to get in the oven for your holiday dinner, why not do most of the main dish on the stovetop?

Cooking a stovetop ham in an infused broth will intensify the flavour in the ham to penetrate right through.

The golden finish is the glaze over top to add a sweet mustardy flavour

and a golden colour that everyone at the table will adore.

Preparation:

- 1 Using a mortar and pestle or a resealable bag and a meat mallet, combine and lightly crush cloves, fennel, cumin and coriander.

- 2 In a large stock pot (big enough to hold ham)

heat oil over medium-high. Add crushed seeds, onions and garlic. Cook for 5 minutes or until onions begin to brown. Add wine, orange juice, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and oregano. Place ham in pot and fill with water to cover.

- 3 Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cover

and simmer for 2 hours.

- 4 Line a baking sheet with foil and place a roasting rack over foil. Remove ham from pot and place on rack.

- 5 Glaze: In a small bowl, whisk together mustard and apple jelly, then brush mixture all over surface of ham. Roast in 230 C (450 F) oven for 25 minutes or until surface of ham is golden and glaze is bubbly. Let ham rest in a warm place for 20 minutes before slicing. **ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CHEF. (EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Stovetop Ham with Dijon-Apple Glaze



► This ham serves 12.

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) whole cloves
- 5 ml (1 tsp) fennel seeds
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cumin seeds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) coriander seeds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil

- 2 onions, quartered
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 250 ml (1 cup) white wine
- 250 ml (1 cup) orange juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) lemon juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) Worcestershire sauce

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) dried oregano
- 1 bone-in ham (3.175 to 3.5 kg/7 to 8 lb)
- Glaze
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Dijon mustard
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) apple jelly



▶ Make sure your kids display proper manners at the table this Christmas.

MANNERS TAKE TIME, PRACTICE

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What is appropriate to expect from children with regards to table manners and etiquette? Myself, I always taught my children well, but I am appalled at the lack of manners of so many children these days.

Sticky for Manners

Dear Sticky for Manners,
Well, the world has changed and children's manners aren't what they used to be. One of every

parent's nightmares is taking their children in public and being embarrassed from their lack of social skills. So let's review what is appropriate social behaviour.

Children should be taught manners and social skills from a very young age. As soon as they are able to start to reason and understand verbal language you can start with a simple please and thank you.

Once children start to get older (five to eight), learning table manners becomes important.

Understanding how to correctly use a knife and fork at the table, how to leave the table, drink from a glass, etc.

Now for those parents who think you can do this the night before a family

event, that is where you are going wrong; turning these skills into everyday habits is the objective.

Some of the reasons you need to practice this at the family kitchen table every night are because:

1. You must practice a new skill for 21 days to start a pattern.

2. It takes 100 days for this new pattern to become automatic.

This is why you must begin and practice manners daily at home. Remember, good manners are not just for when you have guests or are entertaining; manners are to be applied everyday amongst family members, friends and work.

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Guide to peacocking

- ▶ Plenty of holiday parties to attend the next few weeks?
- ▶ Read on to learn how to become the life of the party

Stressed out about the office Christmas party or your neighbour's drop-in bash for New Year's Eve?

You could send your regrets, or show up and hide in the corner while pretending to text all night.

Or you could go the other way and dazzle the guests with your outfit, wit and charm. Here's a guide to peacocking – or how to be the life of the party.

DRESS

"Wear something festive: A colourful tie, an interesting pin or fashionable shoes are great conversation starters," said Jacqueline Whitmore, an etiquette expert and author of *Poised For Success*. "People tend to gravitate towards people who stand out or look interesting."

Christie Nightingale, principal of Premier Match, an upscale match-making firm, agreed, saying: "Stand out from the crowd by wearing a bright colour, like red or emerald green, not black."

CONVERSATION

Have a list of easy questions in mind as conversation starters: "How's it going? Who do you know here? How did you get here?"

Jokes can work, but be careful not to offend.

You could also brush up on current events, but be aware that most people would rather chat about

Brett, 32
has 12 friends in common with you.

Julia, 25
might go to Café Select, Traverline, Lombardi's or Xicola Wine and Tapas Bar, also likes Restaurants, and has 13 friends in common with you.

Carrie, 32
also likes Bar Scene, and has 83 friends in common with you.

▶ A new app called **Crowded Room** offers strangers a ready-made introduction when they're in the same vicinity.

Andrew

subjects that are "easy and fun instead of getting so serious."

INTRODUCTIONS AND COMPLIMENTS

"Walk around, get a solid idea of who's in the house and side right up to someone who seems interesting — maybe they're wearing a bright sweater, or a fun hat — and give them a compliment," said Sian-Pierre Regis, founder of the *Swagger*: New York style website. "Then introduce yourself."

TOASTS

For an office party, "another way to stand out, which takes a lot of practice and preparation, is to offer a very brief, humble toast, thanking your co-workers, colleagues, and the executive team for being great

co-workers, colleagues, team, etc.," said Matt Eventoff, owner of Princeton Public Speaking, which trains executives for public appearances.

At a social gathering in someone's home, a simple toast might thank the hosts for bringing everyone together with good food, drinks and company.

SMILE

"Give them your Mona Lisa smile," said Suzanne Zazulak Pedro, an executive coach and founder of *The Protocol Praxis*. Not a fake Pan Am stewardess smile, as she put it, but a close-lipped half-smile, "like you have a secret. It will not only make people wonder what you are up to, but it will also help initiate conversations."

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Happy holidays fun and frugal readers!

Have you been avoiding bringing in the mail? Did you stash that dreaded credit card bill in a 'don't look now' drawer? Most Canadian households have wreaked major havoc on their credit cards this holiday season.

Starting now, you need a plan to pay off your credit card debt as fast as possible so as to avoid massive interest charges in the new year.

The best way to deal with holiday credit card debt is to get organized. Figure out who you owe money to, how much and the interest rate.

Next, scrounge up an extra \$10 or \$20 per week and pay a little extra on the highest interest credit and store card bills. By making extra payments as often as you can, you're tackling the principle portion of the debt more often which translates into less interest being accumulated. If you're stumped on where to find an extra \$20; cut back on cellphone plans or coffees and sell unwanted household items on Kijiji.

If you've got multiple credit card balances you can also save money by consolidating them into a small loan with a fixed term and repayment plan. Though interest rates and payment flexibility are tempting, do not use credit lines as a pseudo-consolidation loan.

Credit lines don't have a collapsing balance and Canadians tend to borrow back all the payments they make toward the balance.

Credit lines were originally designed to help home owners build equity; not to mask overspending problems. While you're paying off your debts, don't rack up any more. You only need one credit card and I would recommend reducing the credit limit as you pay down the balance.

A debt-free lifestyle translates into way less stress. So, make it your New Year's resolution to pay off expensive consumer debt as quickly as possible.

ON MONEY

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In this season of joy and giving and shopping who wants to think about getting ripped off?

But in this era of cyber predators we must take as much care with information as you would with your wallet in a place frequented by pickpockets.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (fcac.gc.ca) urges everyone

Fraud is an increasing problem but you can protect yourself with a little bit of vigilance.

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to be a little extra vigilant during the holidays, since we are often rushed and trying to do two things at once.

Justin Hwang, associate vice president of Fraud Management at TD Canada Trust, says that bogus websites can easily snare the unwary. He notes that website addresses beginning with https:// are usually secure. But if you update your antivirus software regularly you'll be alerted to the phony ones.

With so much shopping going on at this time of year you should also take a glance at your credit card and bank statements more often than normal to catch any unauthorized activity.

When you are short of time it's tempting to hand over your credit or debit card to a child to make certain purchases for you.

Aside from the fact that such use violates your con-



► Watch out for bogus websites.

tract with the bank, even the most responsible kids don't necessarily understand the importance of being vigilant about fraud.

But, of course, many youngsters these days have their own debit cards and may be authorized users on a parental card.

Watch them as they use these cards and coach them about ensuring their card is always close at hand.

They shouldn't put it on the cashier's counter where others in line can see it. And keeping their PIN one giant secret is vital. I recommend kids change their PIN every six months or so.

Have a wonderful and secure holiday.

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Cyber fraud

Here are a few ways to protect yourself. Be sure to share these tips with your children as they are the fastest growing group of online consumers.

- Don't shop online using public or unsecured wireless Internet.
- Be cautious about sharing too much information on social networking sites.
- Be sure you know a site is secure before entering personal information.
- Use virus or spyware protection software and update it regularly.
- Avoid using the automatic password or personal information log in function on your computer.
- Don't use Wi-Fi hotspots to log into your social networking pages.

Black Friday bites back: shoppers return bargains

► Stores in U.S. see huge returns but not ones they want ► Consumers try to stay in the black

Ah, the warm feelings of the holidays: Comfort and joy. Good cheer.

And buyer's remorse.

People who rushed to snag discounts on TVs, toys and other gifts are quickly returning them for much-needed cash.

The shopping season started out strong for stores, but it looks like the spending binge has given way to a holiday hangover.

Return rates spiked when the Great Recession struck and have stayed high.

For every dollar stores take in this holiday season, they'll have to give back 9.9 cents in returns, up from 9.8 last year, according to the U.S. National Retail Federation's survey of 110 retailers. In better economic times, it's about 7 cents.

This time of year, fractions of a penny add up.



► Shoppers grab televisions at a store in Knoxville, Tenn., minutes after it opened on Nov. 25.

Stores are expected to ring up \$453 billion during the holiday season.

Merchants make up to 40 per cent of their annual sales in the last two months of the year.

Some reasons for the

many unhappy returns:

- Shoppers are bingeing on big discounts. Stores are desperate to get people in the door. But the same shoppers who find a "60 per cent off" tag too good to resist may realize at

home that they busted the budget.

- Stores have made it easier to take things back. Nordstrom is letting online shoppers return items at no extra charge this year. It used to charge \$6.

"When the bills come in and the money isn't there, you have to return."

JENNIFER KERSTEN, 33 OF MICHIGAN

Other stores are offering more time to return or rolling out "no questions asked" policies — no tag or receipt required. But that can backfire.

"Spurring more returns wasn't part of the plan," says Al Sambar, a retail strategist for consulting firm Kurt Salmon.

- Stores are undercutting each other in a tough economy. Wanda Vazquez spent \$39.99 at a New York Target on iPad speakers for her 12-year-old daughter, then returned them when she found something similar for \$16.99 at Marshalls.

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Kings keep it light as they wait for Sutter

Despite being on the verge of getting their third coach in about a week, it's not all doom and gloom around the Los Angeles Kings these days.

In fact, there were plenty of smiles before Monday's 3-2 win against the Maple Leafs in Toronto. Perhaps it was a sign that interim coach John Stevens was successful in his bid to relax his players with an ice cream run following Sunday's skate.

"We had a little challenge at the end of practice and we stopped at the Dairy Queen on the way home and losers had to buy the winners an ice cream of their choice," said Stevens. "Just something fun, something to occupy their time."

The Kings have been playing under a cloud for a month, resulting in coach Terry Murray's dismissal last week. Stevens is filling in as contract details are finalized with Darryl Sutter, who will take over as head coach later this week according to a league source.

It's an unusual situation — to say the least — but one the players seem to support.

"I think (GM) Dean (Lombardi) might have handled it right in not going behind Terry's back and try to look for a head coach," said forward Mike Richards.

"He's a smart guy, we trust his instincts and trust what he's doing with the team." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



"I think that everyone is so down emotionally that they're not focusing on their game and playing their best. Finally when we get over that hump, we should be fine."

KINGS DEFENCEMAN DREW DOUGHTY

Turris set to start fresh with Senators

► 'I'm just glad it's in the past,' 22-year-old says of struggles in Phoenix

With a throng of reporters waiting at his stall, newly acquired Ottawa Senators forward Kyle Turris got his first taste of playing in a Canadian market after several years in the desert.

"I don't think I've seen this many cameras for a number of years now," Turris said Monday after skating with his Ottawa teammates for the first time.

"It's a lot different pressure but I'm ready for it."

The Burnaby, B.C., native was acquired from the Phoenix Coyotes on Saturday in exchange for defenceman David Rundblad and a second-round pick. Turris will make his Sens debut Tuesday at home against the Buffalo Sabres.

Turris is looking for a fresh start after a falling out with the Coyotes organization this year. He was Phoenix's third overall pick in the 2007 draft and scored 25 points in 65 games in 2010-11, but missed most of this season after holding out for a new contract.

The Coyotes refused to blink. A deal was finally reached on Nov. 22, but since then Turris has only played in six games and hasn't registered a point.

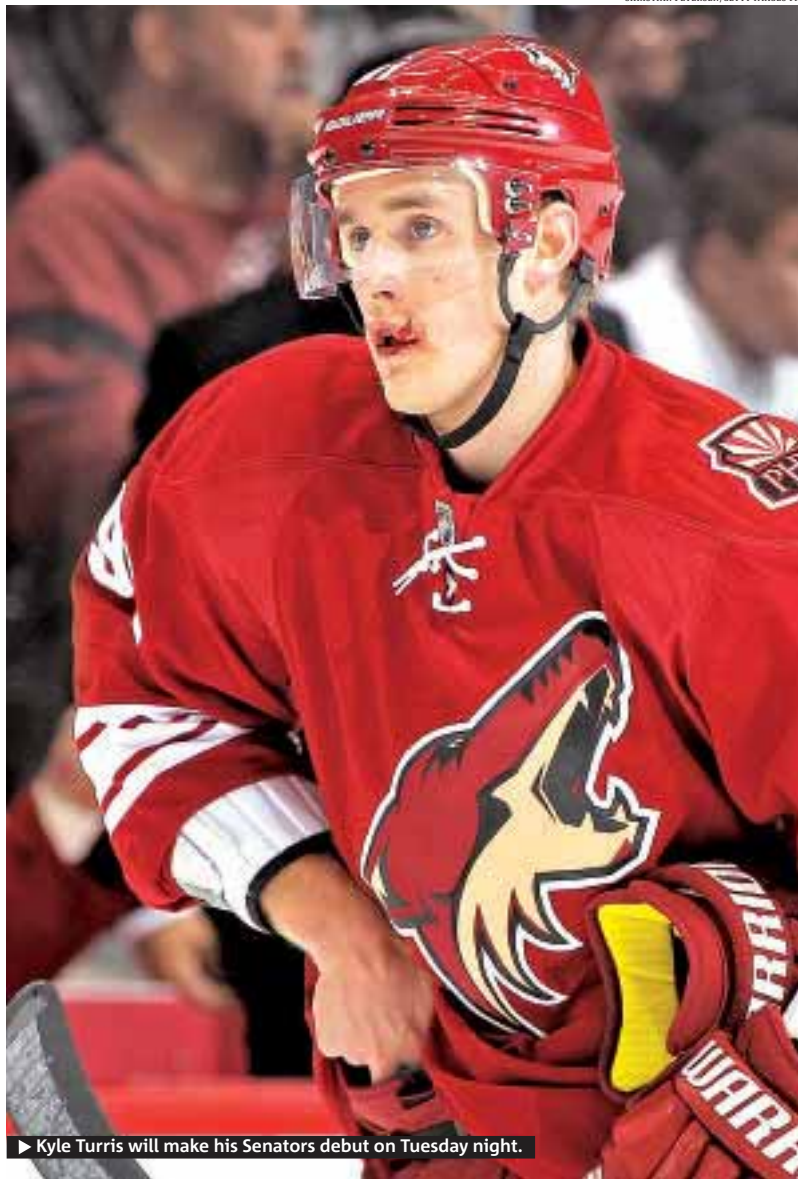
"It was real tough," Turris said. "I mean, it's something that was a frustrating situation and I'm just glad it's in the past and moved on."

Turris is expected to centre Nick Foligno and Erik Condra.

"We hope he'll solidify that second-line centre position that we've been searching for and not only for this season, but for seasons to come," said Ottawa head coach Paul MacLean. "I think he's a piece that makes us better and for down the road as well."

Turris doesn't know much about his new teammates, but he did room with Jason Spezza at the 2008 World Championships.

"They've got a great mix of the older guys — Spezza



► Kyle Turris will make his Senators debut on Tuesday night.

"With the opportunity that we're prepared to give him, we feel he's going to demonstrate that he's a quality player."

SENATORS HEAD COACH PAUL MACLEAN ON KYLE TURRIS

and (Daniel) Alfredsson — and at the same time a real young group, so it was a fun practice this morning, guys joking around and lots of energy and I'm looking forward to jumping in," said Turris.

Alfredsson liked what

he saw at practice.

"You could tell right away he's got a good shot," said the Sens captain. "Hopefully we can make him fit in here quickly."

Turris has been a friend of Ottawa prospect Patrick Wiercioch since childhood.

Wiercioch is currently with the Sens' AHL affiliate in Binghamton, dealing with a throat injury.

"I actually called him after I found out about the trade, and he's been going through a tough time the last week and a half, two weeks, and I've been talking to him every day," said Turris. "But he's recovering fast and I told him how excited I was to be in the same organization as him."

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sports

Jets preview

N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg
7:30 p.m.
TV: TSN-Jets



Winnipeg (15-13-4) hosts the Islanders (10-14-6), who are coming off a 2-1 shootout win over Minnesota on Saturday. New York outshot the Wild 36-21 for its third win in eight games this month. Andrew MacDonald scored the lone regulation goal for the Islanders after missing the last seven games with a leg injury. Al Montoya has emerged as the starter over Evgeni Nabokov in the absence of Rick DiPietro (groin). Montoya leads New York with a 2.43 goals-against average and a .920 save percentage.

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Habs' coach contretemps continues

► Canadiens owner issues statement amid controversy over new bench boss who can't speak French

The owner of the Montreal Canadiens was forced to issue a public statement Monday amid an explosive clash between hockey and language.

For weeks Quebec has been awash in reports of the perceived erosion of French-language rights, with constant news about companies failing to provide services or hire employees who speak the province's majority language.

Enter the Montreal Canadiens, perhaps Quebec's most cherished institution.

The team once known as the Flying Frenchmen now has almost no francophone players. And on the weekend, it did something that triggered a firestorm of controversy in Quebec — it hired a coach who speaks zero French.



► Randy Cunneyworth

The hiring of Randy Cunneyworth was enough to prompt calls from nationalist fringe groups for a boycott of products related to the Habs. One political commentator even suggested local hockey journalists should refuse to address Cunneyworth in

English.

And Quebec's entire political class predictably weighed in, with politicians of every stripe calling the move unacceptable.

Habs owner Geoff Molson responded with a statement, crafted so cautiously it could have been penned

by a political speechwriter.

In it, Molson performed a delicate two-step. First he explained why Cunneyworth was the right man for the job, then in the next paragraph stressed how important French is to the organization.

Molson explained that

Mixing politics

and hockey

The Quebec government has weighed in on the hiring of a Canadiens coach who can't speak French — and it isn't pleased.

► The province's culture min-

ister says she expects the Habs to correct the situation.

► Christine St-Pierre isn't quite calling for the firing of new coach Randy Cunneyworth.

► But she says the Habs have given the impression his hiring is temporary, and she takes them at their word.

Cunneyworth was hired because he is talented and also, as the team's assistant coach, is in the best position to step in immediately and help the team win.

Cunneyworth was hired with a unique title — as interim coach for the rest of the season.

"The action was taken to remedy the situation without further delay," Molson said. "Randy Cunneyworth is a qualified and experienced coach who has

earned the respect of the players and everyone within the organisation."

Molson pointed out that the position will be re-evaluated at the end of the season.

He said language will be a factor when, after the season, the team has to hire a permanent coach. He said finding a coach who can win is the main priority, but language ability will also count.

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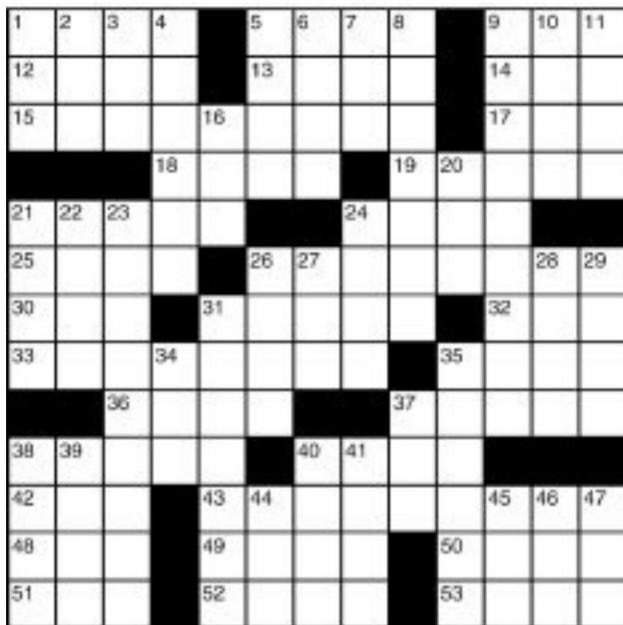
Crossword

Across

- 1 Grand tale
- 5 Advantage
- 9 Dine
- 12 Isinglass
- 13 Abound
- 14 Paid athlete
- 15 Dramatic public display
- 17 Id counterpart
- 18 Conversation
- 19 Indy car, e.g.
- 21 Fill the tank
- 24 Neighbour of Java
- 25 Tears
- 26 T-bars, e.g.
- 30 Citric beverage
- 31 Beg
- 32 A Gershwin brother
- 33 Parts of Sunday's newspaper
- 35 God (Lat.)
- 36 Actress Skye
- 37 Factions
- 38 Greedy kid's demand
- 40 Dalai —
- 42 Praise in verse
- 43 Theorize
- 48 Coffee break hour
- 49 Throat-clearing sound
- 50 One
- 51 Owns
- 52 Toll road
- 53 Maze option

Down

- 1 Type measures
- 2 Spot on a domino
- 3 Lemieux milieu
- 4 Desert plant
- 5 Catchall abbr.



- 6 52 cards
- 7 Hair goop
- 8 Green stone
- 9 Gave details
- 10 Incite
- 11 Indigent
- 16 Spigot
- 20 "The Greatest"
- 21 Mardi —
- 22 Staffer
- 23 Samples
- 24 Prejudice
- 26 — gin fizz
- 27 "Jeopardy!" legend Jennings
- 28 Verifiable

- 29 Lip
- 31 Conifer exudation
- 34 Cruise or Selleck
- 35 Broadband ancestor
- 37 Dallas sch.
- 38 Morbid style of rock music
- 39 Concept
- 40 Welsh emblem
- 41 Pinnacle
- 44 — Beta Kappa
- 45 Literary collection
- 46 — for tat
- 47 Biblical verb ending

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



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Yesterday's answer ►

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| TODAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
| ☁ Min -9°
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☀ Max -4° | ☁ Min -13°
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Why stress yourself out when with the same amount of effort you can have a great deal of fun?
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You will be tempted to go to extremes in your personal life today.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Put money worries behind you and do something that makes you feel good about yourself. If you feel the need to get away, just go.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Promise yourself here and now that no matter what happens over the next few days you won't overreact.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 A few days from now you may look back and feel guilty about some of the things you said and did.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You won't hesitate to help someone in need today.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Someone you meet while working or pursuing a creative interest will get your heart racing today.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You enjoy doing what others say can't (or should not) be done, but don't get carried away and do something that leaves a black mark

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Do something different today, something no one would expect you to do.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You may want to impress someone who means a lot to you but don't go over the top.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You have nothing to worry about and everything to look forward to.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Think with your head but feel with your heart. Listen to what your heart tells you today — and act on it. **● SALLY BROMPTON**

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